

**FREDERICKSBURG  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of June 17, 2010**

The June meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Brian Baker, Bob Carter, George Foster, Charles McDaniel (arrived late), Barbara Miller-Richards (arrived late), George Solley and Susan Tyler. Absent: Commissioners Tim Duffy and Ken Kroko. Also in attendance: Robert Antozzi and Patricia Sparks.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May 20, 2010 were unanimously approved.
- II. **Public Comment:**  
  
None
- III. **Communications from the Director:** The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:  
  
Financial Report  
Sports Report – May-June 2010  
Leisure Report – June-July 2010  
The Follow-up Report
- IV. **Noteworthy Dates:** The Commissioners reviewed upcoming programs and trips.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Pathways** – Dr. Antozzi reported that letters have been sent to Susanne Geslois in reference to the appraisal and an offer from the City in regards to the easement needed for the Heritage Trail. She has until July 31, 2010 to respond to the City's offer.
  - B. **Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership** – No updated information.
  - C. **Riverfront Park** – The steel fence has been dismantled and placed around the top of the bowl for safety reasons.

**D. Policy on Alcohol at DHCC – Take off agenda.**

**E. Youth Sports Policy and Procedures –** Commissioner Foster reported that all the concerns were addressed in regards to the Sports Policy. The Commissioners received an updated policy with an outline listing the new proposals. The Commissioners complimented the committee on their work.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter and unanimously approved to adopt the Sports Policy as written.***

Commissioners recommended sending the updated Sports Policy to all coaches.

**F. Dog Festival/Dog Mart –** Dr. Antozzi reported that staff continues to negotiate with the Dog Festival group.

## **VI. New Business:**

**A. Nomination of Officers –** Commissioner Duffy was nominated as Chairman, and Commissioner Foster as Vice Chairman.

***A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Carter and unanimously approved nominating Commissioner Duffy as Chairman and Commissioner Foster as Vice Chairman for the 2011 term.***

**B. Discussion on Vacancies –** Commissioner Baker thanked Commissioners Carter and Solley on their expertise and dedication that they have for the Parks and Recreation programs. City Council will vote on Commissioner Solley's replacement in July. Notices have been placed on the web and in public buildings advertising the Parks and Recreation opening.

**C. Finally Friday –** Dr. Antozzi discussed recent concerns in regards to Finally Friday. Several factors have impacted the event and resulted in the termination of the Finally Friday Event to include financial, weather, Celebrate Virginia Concert Series, and date. The City Manager recommended keeping the June event as scheduled. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of scheduling an event based on the Finally Friday event at the Riverfront Park once a year.

**D. Rental Fees/Charges** - Dr. Antozzi reported that Phil Rodenberg, due to budget constraints, instituted a new system on charging fees for rental equipment (tables, chairs, stage, etc.) to everyone including city organizations that rent equipment. Set up fees are also charged. City Manager, Bev Cameron, has requested that city sponsored organizations and events not be charged for renting and setup fees. City endorsed events will be charged for the set up fees only.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Solley and unanimously approved that City Sponsored events receive a full fee waiver for the rental and set up of equipment. City endorsed organizations will be charged for setup fees only.***

**VII. Commission Concerns and Topics:**

Commissioner Foster asked if the closing date for the pool has been changed for this year. Dr. Antozzi reported that it has not been changed. Commissioner Foster stated that the pool continues to have computer problems at the front gate. These problems/concerns need to be addressed with IT.

Commissioner Miller-Richards asked if there was a consideration in separating the boys and girls soccer program. Dr. Antozzi reported that there are not enough players to support separate leagues.

Commissioner McDaniel reported that the sign at Dixon Park is faded. Could it be taken down? Dr. Antozzi reported that due to budget constraints we have not been able to replace the sign.

Commissioner Solley stated that he has been on the Commission for eight years, and significant improvements have been made during that time. In July, City Council will appoint a representative to the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Tyler asked if her reappointment was approved. The reappointment has been submitted to City Council.

Commissioner Carter asked if the signs at Old Mill Park were going to be changed to read "City of Fredericksburg Old Mill Park." Commissioner Carter asked if Dr. Antozzi researched the Senior Golf League. Commissioner Carter informed the Commissioners that the Senior Golf League travels to different golf courses every week. There is a two-year waiting list to join. He would like the City of Fredericksburg to research the possibility of having a league.

Dr. Antozzi stated that he has enjoyed working with both Commissioner Carter and Solley.

The Commissioners were asked by the Secretary if the Recreation Commission meetings could be held at Maury Commons. The meeting room at Maury Commons would be available after July. Relocating the Recreation Commission to Maury Commons would also open up a classroom at the Community Center. The Commissioners agreed to move to Maury Commons in September 2010 and to cancel the August Recreation Commission meeting. The Secretary will notify Clerk of Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved by the Recreation Commission

  
Robert Antozzi, Director

7/23/10  
Date

Next Commission Meeting Thursday, July 15, 2010.